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I trust you can identify the irony in my email.

-Dr. Russell T. Warne, Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Behavioral Science, Utah Valley University, Phone: 801-863-5380, Fax: 801-863-7089, Twitter: @Russwarne

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Dear Dr. Rittman,

I am writing to inquire about an event that a colleague has told me about. According to him, Dr. Brian Pesta was suddenly removed from his position as editor-in-chief of a special issue of *PSYCH*, a new open-access MDPI journal. I also have heard that this was in response to an editorial by Dr. Richard Lynn (at <https://doi.org/10.3390/psych1010009>).

I am writing to you to verify this information because it seems hard to believe. I'm shocked that a scholarly publisher would suddenly remove a qualified editor without any due process or transparency. Surely, a reputable scientific publisher would not engage in such behavior! It would completely undermine the goal of being a respectable outlet for scholarly research. I find it absurd that anyone in the scholarly publishing business would make a decision like this, which would obviously sabotage the credibility of the company's entire brand.

Please let me know the real version of events because I find this story highly concerning. I have had a positive experience once before publishing with MDPI (<https://doi.org/10.3390/jintelligence7010006>), but if this is true, then I will be taking my work elsewhere because I will not work with a publisher that infringes on academic freedom. I will also encourage my colleagues to avoid submitting to MDPI

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The special issue has published several noteworthy articles that contribute to the scientific conversation, and I have already found reason to cite a few of the articles in my upcoming book. All the articles I have read have been strong contributions to the

conversation about race differences in IQ, and I am impressed with Dr. Pesta's ability to identify timely and fascinating contributions to the special issue. That is why I find this story so odd and disconcerting.

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Please let me know whether Dr. Pesta really has been removed without warning from his position as editor of the special issue so that I do not have to rely on hearsay and rumor.

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